

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	04 May 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Rudy Adrian Hueting
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Penthouse December 1996 US Edition
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	General Media Communications Inc
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The Classification Office classifies the magazine *Penthouse December 1996 US Edition* as:
Objectionable.

The classification is objectionable because the magazine promotes and supports the use of urine in association with sexual conduct.

The magazine contains investigative feature articles, celebrity interviews, photo features, advertisements and regular features such as cartoons, jokes, advice columns, fantasy stories, readers' forum, and articles on sexual health. The photo features are of naked women and do at times imply or depict sexual activity with other women and men. Many of the jokes, cartoons, fantasy stories and other regular features are sexually explicit.

Penthouse December 1996 US Edition presents two large photographs which depict two women urinating whilst restrained by a dominatrix. The rest of the photo feature contains images of all three women engaging in sexual activity, such as cunnilingus. The act of urination is depicted as an erotic experience for the arousal of the reader.

Section 3(2)(d) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 overrides s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act). This provision overrides s14 of the NZBR Act because it is a deeming provision which cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms in the NZBR Act.

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